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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SULZBERGER VISIT

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1. I TALKED WITH CY SULZBERGER ON THE TELEPHONE TO PARIS THIS MORNING. HE WAS NOT HAPPY, REPEATEDLY SAYING HE "FAILED TO UNDERSTAND" WHY I COULD NOT SEE MY WAY CLEAR TO A FRANK, PRIVATE, INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF AFRICAN ISSUES. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN OUR ASSOCIATION OVER THE YEARS HE HAD NOT ONCE ABUSED MY CONFIDENCE OR LANDED ME IN AN EMBARRASSMENT (WHICH IS TRUE). HE ALSO REPROACHED ME FOR HAVING FAILED TO TELL HIM OF MY OWN SITUATION WHEN WE TALKED THIS PAST AUTUMN. IN CONCLUSION, HE SAID I HAD HEDGED MY WILLINGNESS TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT AFRICA WITH "SO MANY RESTRICTIONS" THAT HE PREFERRED TO DROP THE IDEA OF A VISIT TO BERN. I EXPRESSED REGRET, BUT ACQUIESCED IN HIS DECISION NOT TO COME.
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